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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/AMENDMENT

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In response to the Official Action dated September 2, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration.

The amended claims recite two significant features: (1) an arrangement in which the conveyor belt is supported on and arranged to run on the conveyor idler, and (2) an arrangement in which the outer surface of the conveyor idler provides a braking effect on the conveyor belt. Neither feature is disclosed or suggested in Hagerman or Maurer. Lacking these two features, the rejection based on Maurer and Hagerman should be withdrawn.

Notwithstanding these differences, the Examiner contends it would have been obvious to use the brake element of Maurer in the roller of Hagerman. Applicant disagrees. First, the teaching of Maurer does not relate to rollers but rather to hold back/run back devices. Second, Hagerman requires a wedge member to provide a braking effect on the conveyor. The purpose of the uni-directional roller of Hagerman is merely to cause the wedge member to move to its

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operative position upon reverse movement of the conveyor belt. In contrast, the claimed roller supports the belt and provides a braking effect on the belt.

The claimed arrangement is elegant and simple as compared to Hagerman. For example, a disadvantage of Hagerman is that the brake devices have to be positioned at the side or marginal edges of the belt run 10 so as not to interfere with the conveyance of material 16. See column 2, lines 31 to 33. In the claims, the conveyor belt is supported on conveyor idler; therefore, there is no possibility of the conveyor idler interfering with the conveyance of material. A further disadvantage of Hagerman relative to the claimed invention is that stanchions 22 are required for each brake device. Such additional structure is not required for the claimed invention.

The application is in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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